

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: GOALS SESSION
MINUTES**

VIA ZOOM, 5:00 P.M.

Monday, March 31, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Kevin Stokes called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present via ZOOM were President Stokes, Vice President Gavin DeVore Leonard and Council members Brian Housh and Trish Gustafson. Village Manager Johnnie Burns and Solicitor Amy Blankenship were also present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION

Reading of Resolution 2025-21 Approving Provision of Victim Advocacy Services to the Village of Cedarville. Gustafson MOVED and DeVore Leonard SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Blankenship explained the necessity of passing the legislation, given that Xenia Municipal Court will cease provision of victim advocate services on April 1, 2025. She noted that Chief Burge has arranged for COS Florence Randolph to receive any needed training to take on this role, and will serve as the VA for Yellow Springs, Jamestown and Cedarville.

The contract period is set at six months, at which point contracts can be renewed if an alternative resource has not been identified.

Housh commented that he would like cost, hours and caseloads to be tracked as a matter of due diligence.

Blankenship indicated that the initial cost and prediction of hours needed for VA services per community is based upon data provided by Greene County Municipal Court for services rendered over the last two years.

Stokes asked whether he should follow up in gathering data from the Mayor of Xenia.

Blankenship suggested that a conversation with Chief Burge should be sufficient to determine whether more information would be helpful.

Stokes CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

Reading of Resolution 2025-22 Approving Provision of Victim Advocacy Services to the Village of Jamestown. Housh MOVED and Gustafson SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

Blankenship stated that the resolution is identical to the first, but approves the contract with a different municipality.

Stokes CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT

Housh explained that due to the unavailability of several Council members, the Goals portion of the meeting will be rescheduled.

At 5:16, Gustafson MOVED and DeVore Leonard SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Signed: _____
Kevin Stokes, Council President

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Council Clerk